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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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1. DURING INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH JUNE 12, (REPORTED REFTEL) PRESIDENT MARCOS ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A NEW DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. EMBASSY CHECKS WITH GOVERNMENT CONTACTS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR CONFIRMED THAT THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IS STILL AN IDEA AND NOT A FACT.

2. OFFICIALS OF THE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT BOARD SAY THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO CREATE A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WHICH INTEGRATES POLICY MAKING FOR THE ENERGY AND POWER SECTORS. PRESENT THINKING IS THAT THE ENERGY DEVELOP-MENT BOARD, POWER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND THE BOARD OF POWER WILL BE MERGED INTO THE NEW DEPARTMENT, AND THE ENERGY RELATED GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS; NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION, NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY; WILL ONLY BE ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE OIL INDUSTRY COMMISSION WILL REMAIN
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AN INDEPENDENT RATE/PRICE MAKER.

3. PLANNING FOR THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL VERY PRELIMINARY. ONE SOURCE AT THE PNOC PLANNING DIVISION CHARACTERIZED THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT AS A "TRIAL BALLOON" ONLY, AND OPINED THAT CREATING AN ENERGY DEPARTMENT WOULD BE A "BLOODY AFFAIR". NEVERTHELESS, SOMETHING IS AFOOT AND

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THE EMBASSY WILL KEEP AN EYE ONL IT.

4. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY PNOC AND EDB OFFICIALS FOR ORGANIZATION CHARTS OF BOTH FEA AND ERDA, TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR CURRENT PLANNING. IN THIS REGARD, IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IF WE HAD A STATUS REPORT ON THE CURRENT EFFORTS TO CREATE A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IN THE U.S., WITH A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE POUCH APPROPRIATE MATERIALS.
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